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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/2000/832 and Add.1)*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	24th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Slovakia

Azerbaijan

Namibia

Singapore

Kyrgyzstan

Lesotho

Palau

Cambodia

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m.	25th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Liberia

Central African Republic

Cameroon

Bolivia

Myanmar

Andorra

Haiti

Nauru

Vanuatu

Gambia

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Election of three Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteur
2. Organization of work (A/55/250 and Corr.1, A/C.2/55/1, A/C.2/55/L.1 and Add.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Procurement reform
2. Outsourcing practices

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 2nd meeting of the Second Committee.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 1999 [8] *(continued)* (E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.6)

2. Report on internal audit activities [9] (E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.7)

3. Programme of work for 2001 [10] (E/ICEF/2000/15)

4. Other matters [11]

5. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board [12]

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held *today*, 20 and *tomorrow*, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 20 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal (closed) Inter-Agency Consultative meeting (IACM) *today*, 20 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Cellular telephones

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 20 September 2000

GROUP OF 77
(on forests)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The Association of Former International Civil Servants (AFICS/NY) will hold a workshop on emotional well-being *today*, 20 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Rooom 8. All are invited to attend.

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There will be a meetinng of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) *today*, 20 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 26th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Yemen

Mongolia

Comoros

Georgia

Dominican Republic

Ecuador

Tajikistan

Cyprus

3 p.m. 27th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Grenada

Afghanistan

Iraq

Burundi

Maldives

Zimbabwe

Bahamas

Argentina

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Niger

Marshall Islands

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with Ms. Krealova (tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 2 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Committee, is open for inscription *today*, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson; tel.: (212) 963-2183; fax: (212) 963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/55/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m., with agenda items 103 (Social development) and 104 (International Year of Older Persons). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; telefax: (212) 963-5935; electronic mail: newellk@un.org).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on oceans and seas)* on Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Briefing

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will brief the representatives of Member States on the World Conference against Racism on Tuesday, 26 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 18 September 2000

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

15th and 16th meetings

Opening of the session [1]

The session was opened by the President of the Executive Board (Bangladesh).

The Executive Director made a statement.

Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work [2]

The Secretary of the Executive Board introduced the item.

The provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work (E/ICEF/2000/14) were adopted, as amended orally.

Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation [3]

a) Country programme recommendations

b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes

The Director, Programme Division, gave an overview of the country programmes.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands and France, to which the Director responded.

The Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Denmark, Canada, Burundi and France, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.1/Add.1 to P/L.3/Add.1, P/L.28 to P/L.32.

The Regional Director for West and Central Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Congo, Ghana, France, Costa Rica, Switzerland and Nigeria, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.4/Add.1 to P/L.6/Add.1, P/L.33 to P/L.34.

The Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland, Colombia and Panama, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.7/Add.1, P/L.8/Add.1, P/L.35 to P/L.37.

The Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Denmark, Finland, Indonesia, Switzerland, Viet Nam, Canada, France and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.9/Add.1 to P/L.13/Add.1, P/L.38 to P/L.39.

The Regional Director for South Asia introduced the country programme recommendation for that region.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/2000/P/L.14/Add.1.

The Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Sudan, Turkey, Oman, France, Bangladesh and Palestine, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.40 to P/L.44/Corr.1 and P/L.45.

The Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States introduced the country programme recommendations for that region.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Turkey, the United States, the Russian Federation and Switzerland, to which the Regional Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in documents E/ICEF/2000/P/L.15/Add.1 to P/L.17/Add.1.

The Executive Board also approved the recommendations contained in document E/ICEF/2000/P/L.46.

The representative of India made a statement on document E/ICEF/2000/P/L.27.

The Executive Director made a statement.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3.

Tuesday, 19 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4198th (private) meeting

The situation in East Timor

At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"The Security Council met in private at its 4198th meeting, held on 19 September 2000, in connection with the item entitled "The situation in East Timor", for the purpose of a briefing by the Government of Indonesia.

"The President extended an invitation in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Special Envoy of the Government of Indonesia, Coordinating Minister for Political, Social and Security Affairs.

"The members of the Council and His Excellency Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono had a frank and constructive discussion about the need for early and full implementation of resolution 1319 (2000)."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

22nd plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Nicolae Tabacaru, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova; H.E. Mr. Lee Joung-binn, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. José Miguel Alemán Healy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama; H.E. Mr. Alwi Shihab, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Modibo Sidibé, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali and for Malians Abroad; H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Chairman of the Delegation of Qatar; and H.E. Alhaji Sule Lamido, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Nasser Al-Kidwa, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of Palestine.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the General Committee would hold its 3rd meeting on Wednesday, 27 September, at 9 a.m., to consider a request by Equatorial Guinea for the inclusion of an additional item contained in document A/55/233.

The President also informed the General Assembly that consideration of agenda item 10 (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization) would resume on Wednesday morning, 27 September, and that the list of speakers for agenda item 10 would be open on Wednesday, 20 September.

23rd plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [122]

The Assembly took note that Sierra Leone had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter. The General Assembly was informed that the information would be reflected in document A/55/345/Add.5.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Sama Banya, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Surin Pitsuwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand; H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan Ataeva, Chairperson of the Delegation of Turkmenistan; H.E. Mr. Domingo Siazon, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H.E. The Honourable Lieutenant General Mompati Merafhe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Botswana; H.E. Alhaj Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh; H.E. Mr. Jaswant Singh, Minister for External Affairs of India; H.E. Mr. Clement Rohee, Minister for For-

eign Affairs of Guyana; H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister of External Relations of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Rodolphe Adada, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and la Francophonie of the Congo; and H.E. The Honourable Roosevelt Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), declared open the meeting.

Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Hae-yun Park (Republic of Korea) and Mrs. Jasminka Dinic (Croatia) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

In connection with the post of Vice-Chairman from the African States, statements were made by the representatives of Kenya (on behalf of the Group of African States), Cameroon and Botswana.

The Committee then decided to postpone the election of the remaining Vice-Chairman to the Committee's next meeting.

The Committee also elected, by acclamation, Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos (Portugal) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.5/55/1) on the allocation of items of the agenda of the General Assembly to the Fifth Committee. The Chairman reiterated the relevant provisions regarding organizational aspects recommended by the General Assembly as contained in document A/55/250. The Chairman further drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (A/C.5/55/L.1) and to the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/55/L.2).

Statements concerning the status of preparedness of documentation and on the proposed programme of work were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Malta and Turkey), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, Pakistan, New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Committee then approved the proposed programme of work (A/C.5/55/L.2) on the understanding that adjustments would be made during the course of the session, as required.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(b) Appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5)

The Committee began its consideration of this sub-item.

The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appoint Mr. Wu Gang (China) as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term to replace Mr. Ju Kuilin (China) upon his resignation, beginning on the date of appointment by the General Assembly until 31 December 2002.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Tajikistan and the Comoros.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to resume its consideration of the item at a later date.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 and Add.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376)

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 and Add.1 contained in document A/C.5/54/65.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/376).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Japan, Cuba and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to questions raised.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement regarding the issuance of draft proposals.

The Committee decided to resume consideration of this question in informal consultations.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the next meeting of the Fifth Committee would be held on Friday, 22 September 2000, in the morning, with a view to electing the Vice-Chairman from the Group of African States to complete the Bureau.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Second regular session for 2000 17th and 18th meetings

Health matters [4]

(a) Overview of recent initiatives and partnerships in immunization, including GAVI: oral report

(b) Recommendations for the extension of cooperation with Rotary International for polio eradication and for the extension of the Vaccine Independence Initiative

The Deputy Executive Director, Programme and Strategic Planning, made a presentation on recent initiatives and partnerships in immunization.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, India, Denmark, the Netherlands, Canada, the Sudan, Sweden, Japan, the United States, the Russian Federation, Guyana, Guinea, China, France, Switzerland, Norway, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Cuba.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Rotary International and the World Health Organization.

The Deputy Executive Director responded to issues raised by delegations.

The Executive Director made a statement.

The Executive Board approved the recommendation contained in document E/ICEF/2000/P/L.47.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council: oral report [5]

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, reported on this item.

The representative of Denmark made a statement, to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Financial medium-term plan (MTP) for the period 2000-2003 [6]

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, introduced the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, China, the United States, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, the United Kingdom, India, Japan, Cuba and France, to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Executive Board approved the draft decision contained in document E/ICEF/2000/AB/L.5.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Implementation of the modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes: oral report [7]

The Deputy Executive Director, Internal Management, Administration and Finance, reported on the item.

Statements were made by representatives of Argentina and Bangladesh to which the Deputy Executive Director responded.

The Executive Board thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 1999 [8]

The Director, Private Sector Division, introduced the report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special presentation

The Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, the Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Walter Balzan, and the Permanent Observer of Switzerland to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jenö C.A. Staehelin, are jointly organizing the launch of the *Internet Guide for Diplomats* by Mr. Jovan Kurbalija from the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta, to be held on Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. The presentation will be made in English.

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